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William Gregonis, beloved husband of Jane, and devoted father of Sarah, passed away peacefully at home on January 30, 2022, while holding their hands. He was a courageous and valiant warrior who had fought through illness for many years.....a very special "miracle man". Bill was a kind, generous, and loving husband, father, and grandfather. He will be dearly missed by his family and friends. Bill was born in Minersville, PA, on July 19, 1937 to Charles and Mary (Prebula) Gregonis. The family moved to Connecticut in 1943. Bill was educated in the South Windsor school system, and received a BS from ECSU, an MS from CCSU, and a sixth year certificate from UConn. He was a talented, respected, and dedicated educator, who worked in Vernon and East Windsor for 35 years as a teacher and an administrator. Throughout his career in education, Bill enjoyed teaching many levels of students, as well as spending several years in administration. In all phases of his profession, he was a strong and vocal advocate for his students, and was loved and admired by so many of them, as well as by his colleagues. Social studies and history, the subjects that Bill taught, led him to enjoy traveling in the United States and Europe whenever possible. He and Jane spent many summers traveling throughout our country with their daughter, and experiencing adventures that were always some of the happiest of memories for Bill and his family. He also loved spending time in Westerly, RI, at their summer cottage that became the family's "happy place". All of these memories will be treasured. The Tolland County 4H Program was a source of fulfillment for Bill. He was a volunteer for many years, and participated in fairs and activities with his daughter, Sarah. He was also on the board of the Teen Connection Conference at UConn for several years. Bill was very fortunate to have been able to joyfully welcome his four grandchildren into the world in 2011 and 2013, twin boys and twin girls. He adored them, and spent quality time reading to them, playing with them, and imparting his own special kind of love and wisdom to them



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unconditionally. The children adored him in return. Bill leaves his loving wife, soul mate, and best friend, Jane (Gnutti) Gregonis, his cherished daughter, Sarah Wall and her husband Ryan, and his four very special grandchildren, Jack, Liam, Lillian, and Mallory Wall, all of Whitman, MA. He also leaves his brothers, John Gregonis and his wife Elaine, Charles Gregonis and his wife Christine, his sister Mary Jane Butler, brother-in-law Walter Abbe, and sister-in-law, Suzanne Willard, as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends. Bill was predeceased by his sisters Dorothy Carney and Elizabeth Abbe, and his brothers-in-law Francis Carney and Gary Butler. Services will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to The Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, Sandy Hook Promise, or a charity of the donor's choice. Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., Stafford Springs, CT, has care of the arrangements. To leave a condolence online for the family, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com



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GT

Gretchen Tondorf posted:

Jane and Sarah- I love you both. Bill was an amazing man. I feel so lucky to have known him. It's been a battle and he fought it every inch of the way. I feel confident that he and my dad are going to continue to fight on through all of us and protect us all. Sending you so much strength and endless support. Love, Gretchen

March 13 at 4:38 PM

JU

Jeannine Upson posted:

Dear Jane, I just learned of Bill's passing. So sorry to hear this. I only met him a couple of times, but he was a great guy and both Dean and I enjoyed his company. You, Sarah and your family will be in my prayers as you traverse this most difficult of times. Jeannine and Dean Upson

March 12 at 7:26 AM

WK

Wanda Kinckman posted:

Jane, I am so sorry to read of Bill's passing. May all your happy memories bring you comfort. The Lord holds you in His arms. Lovingly, Wanda Kinckman

February 17 at 11:38 AM

MI

Maryanne Igoe posted:

Jane, Sarah and all of your family I send our most sincere sympathies. I met Bill only once at a CRS function, but know you always spoke so lovingly of both Bill and Sarah. I know that you will miss him terribly. May he Rest In Peace. MaryAnne and Steve Igoe

February 14 at 1:40 PM



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JC

Joe Cezus posted:

Jane, Sarah, where do I begin? Bill was a pillar among men. He was a giver, a peacemaker, a lover, a terrific father, an adoring husband as well as a priceless friend. He knew when someone was in pain and needed his guidance and support. He could be the life of the party...just remember all the Christmas parties where he brought good tidings with his witty repartee, and then, there were all the times we would gather at Sofia 's for our Friday night special. He was a good educator, an excellent husband and provider, and the ultimate friend...Bill was the epitome of what a good friend and human being was all about. I, we, will miss him forever. Godspeed in Heaven, Bill. From his two biggest admirers, Maria and Joe Cezus, rest in peace.

February 13 at 1:56 PM

BD

Barbara Dube posted:

Dear Jane and Sarah please accept my sincere condolences on Bill's passing. I know how much he will be missed but I also know he rests in our Lord's arms—free from many years of hard struggles with illnesses. He was a wonderful man who gave to many. We in 4-H always enjoyed his caring nature and willingness to "pitch in". May the Lord bless you and yours with peace and comfort. With love and prayers, Barbara Dube

February 11 at 5:51 PM

RD

Roger Dalpian lit a candle in honor of William.

Jane: Beverly and I give our sincere condolence to you on the loss of your husband.Roger and Beverly DalPian

February 10 at 5:34 PM



JM

Jim McNichols posted:

The McNichols family sends their love and support at this difficult time.

February 9 at 11:42 AM

PB

Patricia O'brien posted:

I send my sincere condolences on Bill's passing to Jane, Sarah, and all the family.Pat (Urda) Thompson O'Brien

February 9 at 11:37 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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